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WILL THE FINAL SCENE IN "BONNIE AND CLYDE" SOMEDAY BE CENSORED IN RETROSPECT . . .

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WHILE THE PREVIOUS INTONATIONS OF FLOATIO REMAIN UNCENSORED?
—PAUL KRASSNER
Cavalier

Keynoter Morse Joins Ashbrook In Mock PowWow

Congressman Brad Morse of Massachusetts, one of the most liberal Republicans in the House of Representatives, is the Keynote Speaker for the April 27 Mock Convention. Morse has been in Congress since 1961, and is widely regarded as a leader of the more progressive wing of the party.

The contrast of Morse's liberalism and John Ashbrook's conservatism should make Convention Day, April 27, when they both speak, extremely interesting. In the process, Wooster students are likely to become aware of some of the forces which produced the 1964 pre-Convention battle won by Goldwater and which may yield a similar struggle in 1968.

The 46-year-old Morse recently made the news when he completed a report (co-sponsored by seven other Republicans) advocating a phased de-escalation of the bombing of North Vietnam as a start towards peace. The proposal was widely criticized as suggesting that it was the U.S., not Hanoi, that was preventing peace (and thus unacceptable to LBJ). However, Morse points out that each move must be "answered" by a corresponding move from the other side. He believes that peace is a more important goal than that of forcing the other side to make the first step.

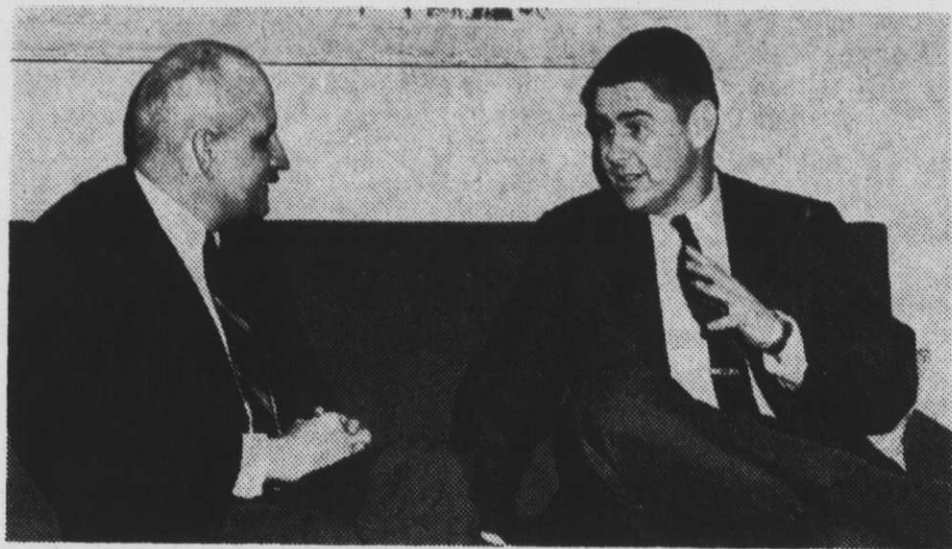
Congressman Morse has acquired an independent voting record in the House. He opposed the Conservative Coalition on about two-thirds of the roll calls, fourth high for all GOP members. He was one of only four Republicans to vote against the riot bill passed by the House last summer, and in fact only voted with the Republican majority in the House on 37 percent of the votes, opposing it 51 percent of the time.

Morse is a leader of the "Wednesday Club," an informal group of moderate and liberal Republicans formed to create responsible alternatives to Democratic policy. The forum was set up after the 1964 election by then-Congressman John V. Lindsay. After Lindsay left Congress to become mayor of New York City, Morse and others kept the group in operation. One of our other speakers, Robert Taft, Jr., also participates in Wednesday Club discussions.

Students are reminded that tomorrow is the last day to sign up to be a delegate to the Convention. Registration is at the center table of the Library.

MADLINE MURRAY TO SPEAK

Madeline Murray O'Hair, known as a vociferous atheist from Austin, Texas, who brought the suit to the Supreme Court which resulted in the ruling banning prayer in the public schools and who is now active in attempting to change the church's tax free status, will be here this Monday, March 11. She, J. Arthur Baird, and Ray Swartzback, with Floyd Lawrence moderating, will investigate "The Role of the Church in Society," Monday evening.



THE REVEREND BEVERLY A. ASBURY, who was pastor of Wooster's Westminster Church from 1961 to 1966, converses with his successor, The Rev. Ray Swartzback, about his experiences as chaplain at Vanderbilt University (see cartoon on page 2). Asbury spoke in Chapel last Tuesday morning.

Asbury Discusses College In Interview

Editor's Note: During his brief visit here earlier this week, Asbury chatted with a VOICE reporter on Wooster and the world. Below is the report.

by Carolyn Slack

Looking back at his career at Wooster and on the changes that have taken place, Rev. Bev Asbury stated his feelings that college be positive. "There can be a better quality of teaching, a more intimate relationship between faculty and students at a small Christian college than at a large University." He qualified his first statement, though, by adding that Wooster should not be a prep school for graduate work. What Wooster has the potential for and what it should utilize is the daring and imagination to be different.

When asked what in particular would make Wooster different, Asbury pointed out the step taken by Parsons College: that of hiring superior professors tapped from prominent Eastern schools and thus providing a more challenging experience for the students. (Although Parsons eventually lost its accreditation, the reason was financial, not academic.)

A second idea would be to provide a six year program for those students who do not qualify for colleges such as Wooster. Third, Asbury felt that a relevant type of course to introduce into the curriculum would be one dealing with value questions—for instance, a science course to evaluate the role and responsibility of the scientist in today's world.

Wooster is a competent college, he said, but what he would ask of Wooster is, "Is it significant?" In order to answer this question, the college needs to re-evaluate itself, and in order to do this well, it has to pinpoint the real issues.

On the subject of the faculty, Rev. Asbury thought that there was too much division to enable it to work effectively. One of his main qualifications for a new president would be someone who would be able to unite the faculty so that new innovations could be instituted. Unity, though, does not mean complete compatibility. On the Cooper issue, he said that he did not know enough about the issue to make a statement beyond the fact that Cooper may be the symbol of the issue, but he is not what is really at stake.

The conversation then moved to Black Power. "There is only a small minority of Negroes who want the riots. What is astounding is the acquiescence of the bulk of the Negro students. The feeling of frustration is so great that there seems to be no way to avoid the riots." Asbury further stated that if we stay in Vietnam, pouring millions of dollars into the war, money that should be spent at home, the cities will erupt in riots. He indicated that such action (or lack of action) might halt Dr.

King's present advocacy of non-violence toward property.

An interesting side note on the Black Power riots is that there is no conspiracy involved in the actions . . . a conclusion reached through the use of a computer, tabulating the separate occurrences. It has been said that the only reason that Stokely Carmichael is so successful, and so notorious, is that he scares people.

Rev. Asbury felt that the only way to solve the problem is to create task forces, composed of the Negro community, to work on slum clearances and a re-vamping of the educational system. In reply to the question of whether or not the Black Community would be willing to submit to such a plan, he believed that if the government was serious in the proposal, it would.

In conclusion, Asbury stated that the college is no longer considered a preparation for living. As such, it should allow the students more of a say in shaping the rules they are to follow while at the institution. As to the term Student Power, he felt that it was misnamed and referred all those interested to the pamphlet issued by the AAU, and asked that they consider the implications of their statement.

COMMENTARY

Kennan Becomes Public Myth Spokesman

by Richard C. Koopman
Department of Political Science

Recently distributed widely on this campus, "Rebels Without a Program," the reprint of an address by George F. Kennan, has been characterized as a definitive answer to student radicalism. Mr. Kennan has been reasonable, moderate and urbane in his approach to these "problem children" and his patriarchal wisdom will surely find a sympathetic response in all responsible men. And this is the essential problem—for Mr. Kennan is speaking for the edification of his own generation rather than to the substantial questions about human life which are engendering the overt and highly visible activities of the young radicals. (The broad categorization according to generations can be misleading: we know a number of young men of 70 years and an

even larger group of tired old men of 20.)

Kennan has a sublime vision of the college in which there is a "certain remoteness from the contemporary scene" as a prerequisite to learning and scholarship. He doubts that the high title of "student" ought to be accorded to the college activists because "it is hard to imagine that the activities to which this aroused portion of our student population gives itself are ones readily compatible with quiet and successful study." Kennan indicates that "only a small minority" are involved in the repudiation of his ideal and we are led by implication to the erroneous conclusion that the vast majority are so dedicated and deserve recognition as "students."

This is indeed a gross distortion: American colleges are devoted to almost every pursuit but free in-

Kennedy Bill To Change Draft Has Small Hope Of Passage

WASHINGTON (CPS) — Sen. Edward Kennedy (D.-Mass) has introduced an 18-part bill in the Senate that provides for drastic changes in the Selective Service System, most of them aimed at reducing the powers of local draft boards and ending inequities.

Two of the bill's major provisions are that draftees should be chosen by random selection and that the youngest eligible men should be taken first.

It also provides for the establishment of several hundred area offices to take over the functions presently carried out by local draft boards. The Senator proposed that local draft boards become appeal boards for men inducted by one of the area offices. The area-office plan was originally proposed by the draft commission set up by President Johnson last spring.

Kennedy's bill has little hope of passage. Sen. Richard Russell (D.-Ga.), chairman of the Armed Services Committee, said Thursday that his committee looked at the draft thoroughly last year and has no plans to go into it again. That probably means that Russell's committee won't even consider Kennedy's bill unless pressure is brought by other senators.

In his speech introducing the bill in the Senate, Kennedy criticized several of the draft law amendments passed by Congress last June. He suggested that Congress enacted some of the amendments simply to reduce the rights of draftees.

As one example he cited the 1967 amendment that says the courts can't review a decision made by a Selective Service Board unless the registrant involved is charged with a criminal violation. The amendment means, in effect, that a draftee can't challenge a draft board's decision in the courts until he has been charged with violating the draft law.

The Senator said this amendment is an "unprecedented attempt to work mischief with constitutional rights, and it should be stricken from the law."

Among the provisions in Kennedy's bill are the following:

- Students should be given "postponements" during up to four years in college, but that these postponements should no longer

be granted if draftees are becoming heavily involved in combat action.

- Occupational deferments should be granted by the President on a uniform national basis rather than being left to local boards.

- Studies should be made into the feasibility of a volunteer army, and into the possibility of allowing draft-age men to fulfill their service requirement outside of the military.

- Using the draft to punish protestors should be prohibited.

- The term of the Selective Service Director should be limited to six years (Kennedy would except Gen. Hershey from this provision—Hershey has been the director since 1940).

- Courts should be allowed to review draft board decisions.

Although Kennedy's bill has virtually no chance of passage, it could conceivably generate debate on the draft on the Senate, and thereby lead to some kind of congressional action on the draft. Kennedy himself lacks sufficient influence in the Senate to get the bill passed, however.

The co-sponsors of his bill are Sens. Clifford Case (R.-N.J.), Walter Mondale (D.-Minn.), Gaylord Nelson (D.-Wis.), Joseph Tydings (D.-Md.), Robert Kennedy (D.-N.Y.), and Ralph Yarborough (D.-Tex.). All are liberals whose support for this kind of bill was predictable.

TELECTURE SERIES

Wed., March 13, 7:30 p.m.
H. Richard Shaull: "A New Politics for a New Age: Latin America."
March 19, 7:30 p.m.
Prof. Peter Demetz, chairman German Dept., Yale University, "Literature in Ulbrecht's Germany."
Wed., March 20, 7:30 p.m.
H. Richard Shaull: "A New Politics for a New Age: U.S.A."
Thurs., March 21, 7:00 p.m.
Morris Klein: "Mathematics as the most effective tool for understanding the physical world."
Sun., March 24, 7:00 p.m.
Professor J. Godsey, "Bonhoeffer."

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Gaps And Chasms

Such expressions as "problem of communications" have achieved, despite our good efforts, a knotty kind of triteness. The real difficulties which this choice of words suggests remain hidden. And every time the reader is told of a gap or chasm or abyss which separates himself from the newsmakers, the moguls, the bureaucrats, the rascals, and the run-of-the-mill decision-makers, he wearily must pause and legitimately complain about the meaning behind these words. Ineluctably, communications problems recoil upon attempts to read about and understand them.

Either we can believe that we are misled by the editors of our media (who try to portray themselves as mere transmission belts), thereby refusing to believe the content of what is reported, or we can pay attention to the substance of what is given as newsworthy bill of fare and see if it jives with our own conceptualizations. If disturbing facts are reported, should we accept them as such or resent the organ which delivered them to us? We would submit that even if the medium is the message, the message is not necessarily the medium.

In Wooster the causes of communications problems are not only honest differences of opinion or even authentic differences in life-style presuppositions. Some of the causes can be shadiness, sophistry, bigotry, and a host of other authentically deliberate modes of suppression. If we deny that, we are only kidding ourselves. It simply will not do to say that Wooster is "people" when there is an era of good feeling, whilst Wooster is an abstraction when someone begins to raise a stink. Indeed, let's bet on persons and take the bitter with the butter.

This means that persons in high places and low can at times be expected to contribute consciously to our gaps and chasms. They will write unsigned and nasty letters. They will distribute privately-financed articles with regularly-distributed publications in order to obfuscate their own involvement. They will directly assert their authority over the content of theatrical productions and at the same time refuse to assume direct accountability for them (over and against those of the productions' directors). They will frequently avoid direct communication with principle parties in controversial situations, and with any number of rationalizations at hand they will opt in favor of indirect means.

In this last connection it is useful to cite the recent trouble over the salability of *Ché* in the college bookstore: After Allen Easley, the publication's associate editor, complained to Acting Dean Cropp of Cropp's unwillingness to communicate with the student editors directly (but with them only through their faculty advisor, Mr. Bean), Cropp wrote back, saying:

As Acting Dean of the College, most of my work is done with members of the Faculty. I believe I was working "through proper channels" to call the Faculty Advisor of the group which is publishing *Ché* to relate to him both personal and official concerns as well as comments about *Ché* which had been received in this office.

That Mr. Cropp's function as dean entails working with faculty members means that he works with them in the roles of faculty members (i.e., teachers, scholars, imparters of classroom wisdom), not in whatever other incidental roles the peculiarities of the life on this campus happen to affix to them. Furthermore, it is obvious from this example that a kind of community pluralism is assumed when power goes from the institution to the students, but never vice-versa. A very rich cake to have and eat at the same time.

These problems are real. They are entrenched. They are human and humanly individuated. But they can be solved, despite their depth in the history of an institution or in the subtleties of the tactics of the institution's officials. With hopes for such a solution in mind, we must look ahead to the academic year of 1968-69 and beyond, when a new president and the administration which he constructs around himself will assess these problems with a fresh vision.

The Academic Honor Board met twice at the beginning of this semester to decide on two suspected infractions of the Honor Code.

The first case involved a student who had copied another person's paper which had been written in a previous year. The student pleaded guilty and was suspended from school for the Second Semester 1967-68.

In the second case, a student was accused of academic dishonesty during a final examination. The accusation was that the student had looked at course material at the beginning of the examination period. The Board could not find enough evidence to show that the student had actually used the course material after the examination had started and was found not guilty.

It is recommended that students acquaint themselves with each faculty member's policy as to when they feel an examination has begun. This decision is left up to the professor administering the test. Any contact by the student with course material after that time will be construed to be academic dishonesty.

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Variety Hell!!!

To the Editor:

I was thoroughly disgusted, but not surprised, to learn that the College of Wooster brought in Peter Nero as the "Big Name Entertainment" for the Winter Carnival instead of Smokey Robinson and the Miracles. I was even more dismayed to learn that we could have gotten Smokey for the same price as Peter Nero. (This information comes from the vice-president of the CCA which may leave some question as to its validity.) I know that Wooster is conservative, but I think it's getting a little ridiculous. I'm told we're not in the Middle Ages anymore. Sure Peter Nero is good, but I don't think he is what the majority of students want. I believe inculture myself, but after 60 chapels and Phyllis Curtin I've had it. I think the committee that chose Peter Nero over Smokey was not keeping the best interest of the majority here in mind. I understand that the head of the committee has tried to bring in a variety of entertainment—Variety hell!!! Bring in what we want!

Last November there was an article in VOICE claiming that we couldn't bring many top groups because of our budget (didn't we pay \$2.00 per person for Peter Nero?), and stated the price of the Supremes, The Temptations, Dionne Warwick, and The Byrds. These are the top groups in their field; sure they're going to cost a lot, but what about The Impressions, The Associations, Wilson Pickett, Simon and Garfunkel, Sam and Dave, Dave Brubeck, the Jefferson Airplane, or numerous other quality groups that would provide top-notch entertainment. I only plead that we don't have the Outsiders again.

I firmly believe that if a big name were brought that the students would be willing to make up the difference at the door. I also believe that we the students should be able to choose who we want instead of the committee. We're paying for it. Why not let us vote for who we want—Wooster is still a democracy, isn't it? . . .

Carter Smith

Unwarranted Opinions

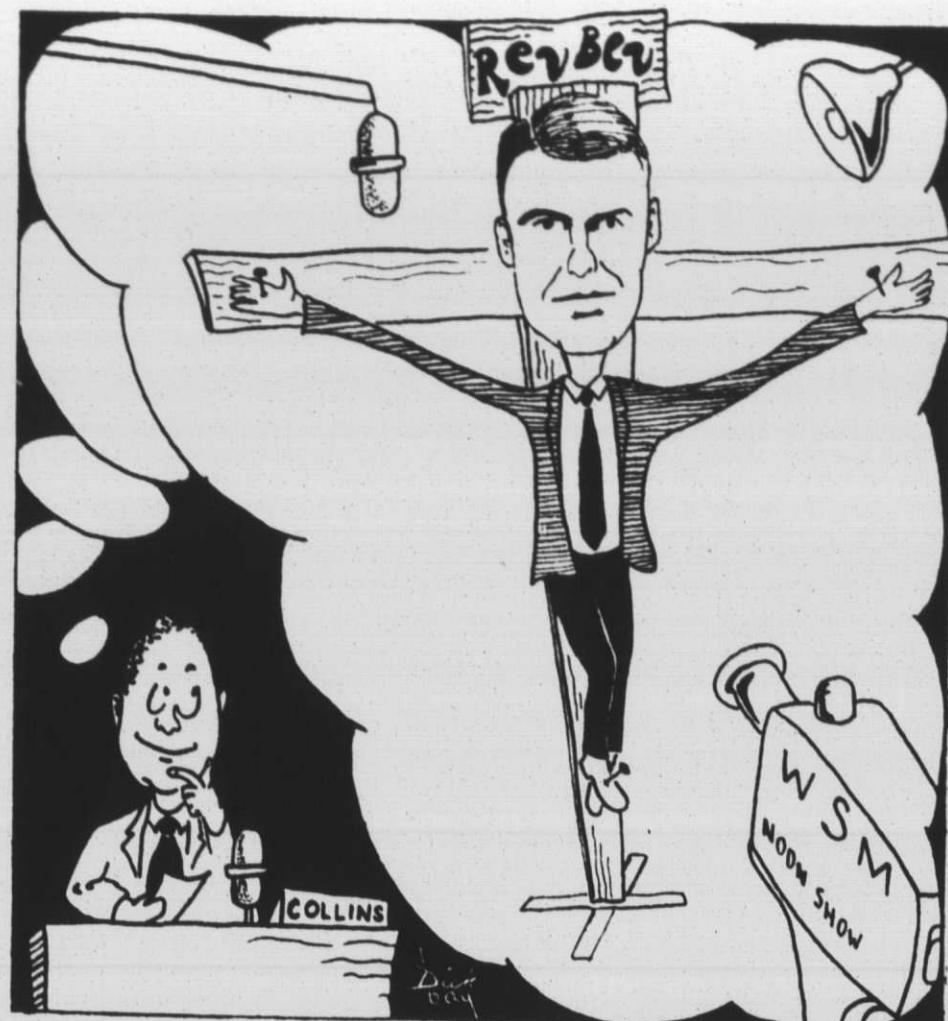
To the Editor:

In his letter to VOICE last week Mr. Dix proposes that writers who allow their views to appear in "such a publication" as *Ché* exhibit "poor judgment."

I am aware that I may be found guilty of much the same thing as I now take advantage of the hospitality of your columns to suggest that, as a newspaperman, Mr. Dix is surely speaking from experience when he implies that misconceptions are often the fault of the reader, not the writer. It would be unfortunate, however, if one were to be judged and condemned not for what one chooses to say, but simply for having written.

By the same token, those responsible for the recent campus-wide dissemination of the Kennan article might be considered possessors of "good judgment" in that, until their identities were revealed in VOICE last week, they did at least guard against the possibility that a reader might impute to them unwarranted opinions.

Nevertheless, there are times when the risk that one may be misconceived must be run, when it must be assumed that words are adequate conveyors of meaning and that one will be held to account for what one actually said rather than for what one is thought to have said. In fact, even a method as cautious as that employed by those responsible for the circulation of the Kennan article is capable of giving rise to unwarranted



—Permission to reprint from The Vanderbilt Hustler

Meaningful Dialogue?

SPEAKING IN CHAPEL TUESDAY MORNING, BEV ASBURY GAVE HIS IMPRESSIONS OF THE SOUTH ON HIS RETURN. DURING THE THIRD WEEK OF FEBRUARY, ASBURY WAS THE GUEST OF THE WEEK ON THE WSM-TV (NASHVILLE) NOON SHOW, HOSTED BY JUD COLLINS. ASBURY WAS VERBALLY ASSAULTED FOR VARIOUS POSITIONS HE HAD RECENTLY TAKEN. AFTERWARDS SAID COLLINS: "I AM A FRIEND OF HIS AND I CHERISH HIS FRIENDSHIP. HE IS A VERY ARTICULATE MAN." SAID ASBURY: "[COLLINS] IS A VERY SINCERE MAN. BOTH OF US AGREE ON ONE THING: THE OTHER IS SINCERELY WRONG."

assumptions.

For instance, when attempting to determine the source of the ubiquitous Kennan reprints two weeks ago, I was referred to a second anonymous message with the suggestion that both the article and the letter might have derived from the same source. This may or may not be true. I append the letter below that its style and content may speak for themselves: it would be highly unfortunate if it were accredited to the wrong group of people.

St. Valentine's Day, 1968
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Anent the latest issue of the VOICE, if The College of Wooster is so hopelessly faulty and decadent and moribund, one is led to wonder why any faculty member or student should be loath to leave it. Why not just get out and shut up? It could do wonders for one's image, not only among present acquaintances, but with those who in future may be making pertinent inquiry as to whether one is the kind of person with whom they would like to associate.

Can you hapless wretches not find a near-perfect institution which will, however reluctantly, accept you, on its own terms if not on yours, and thus avail itself of the rich storehouse of erudition and administrative know-how of which you are so abundantly possessed? Transfers are reputed to cure many ills.

We should like, on behalf of the alumni then living, to invite the current staff of the VOICE as special guests at a memorial tea, six college generations hence, when the dear dead Alma Mater and the days beyond recall can be cussed and discussed to everyone's complete fulfillment. We suggest mid-afternoon, following the Alumni Luncheon, at the 1992 Memorial Commencement. The place to be arranged, perhaps in the newest building on campus, or mayhap in the shade of the ruins of the old, should our Alma Mater be so long in decay as to rate such classical academic properties. Few of us expect to live to see the bicentennial, so we claim the privilege of celebrating at one and a quarter. Let us assure you that it is with the most profound impatience we await the expression of your opinions at that era in this changing world. Sure, bring your grandchildren along; we may all learn something from them, too, as you certainly will!

The Voice of Off-Campus Alumni
Yours faithfully,
Roger Nicholls

P.S. The following excerpt from the second edition of Fowler's Modern English Usage seems to justify bringing the letter to the attention of a wider audience:

anent, apart from its use in Scottish law-courts, where it is in place, is chiefly met with in letters to the press; that is, it is a favourite with unpractised writers who, on their holiday excursions into print, like to show that they possess gala attire . . . Anent is often found in the company of dubious syntax and sense . . .

Dumbbells and Dolts

To the Editor:

In my latest pschdelic acid dream mind blowing hubba hubba sugar cube freakout love in banana ride, the following metaphors skated from the inner metaphysical infinite meditative It-ness of my Wooster-weary mind: we are all dumbbells; we always have been dumbbells; and it's more than likely that we'll remain dumbbells no matter what innovations evolution has in store for us.

As resident campus virtuoso, I feel compelled to describe a shameful incident which occurred Monday last, March 4, in front of a representative of the United States Navy! On that day, and on both of the following days, S.A.C. had me coordinate a small table with a symbolic bucket of blood and pieces of information next to the Navel Recruiter (sic), to provide a token parallelism to the militancy of the occasion.

As the lunch period passed on, a few uneventful confrontations with militant students occurred. (I would so like to reproduce here their flowing rhetoric and pointed vernacular, but have neither the space, the guts, nor the licence.)

So . . . just before I was ready to draw my bucket and leave, the Delt-man cometh, and dumpeth the pamphlets in the soup. 108 beautiful pamphlets—flushed by a Delt. This fellow rationalized his behavior by saying, "I have two brothers over there." Now I must here apologize for my immediate reaction, though it was non-violent, but strained, very strained. My

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The Administrative Committee of the Board of Trustees acted on Dec. 9 to raise the general student fees to \$168. No statement was made at that time as to the breakdown of this figure, but VOICE was told at that time that the distribution figures would be decided upon and made public at the February meeting of the committee. According to Acting President Drushal and Secretary of the College Williams, the subject of the fees was not brought up at the February plenum, but will probably be studied on March 15. VOICE will report as decisions are disclosed.

Kolb Outlines Beloit Plan For Flexible Education

by Alan Unger

William Kolb, the Academic Dean of Beloit College, visited the campus last Friday to discuss the Beloit Plan. This plan is a feasible and successful example of a small liberal arts college's capability of meeting the challenge of educating today's students.

Beloit and Wooster are quite similar. Both are located in Midwestern towns, removed from any large urban complex. They are both church-related and have student bodies of comparable size.

The Beloit Plan's calendar is similar to a trimester system. Class distinctions are broken into three periods. A student is on campus in his underclass year for the first three consecutive trimesters, dur-

ing which time he takes electives and a common course which devotes itself "to consideration in depth of a selection of the great ideas and issues which have helped to change the thinking and behavior of mankind." The middle class period is composed of five terms, only two of which are spent on campus. One is spent in a work or study experience and the remaining two are for vacations or further off-campus field-work. The upperclassmen then return in the spring of their third year for three consecutive semesters on campus, graduating in April of their fourth year. During the upperclass year, evaluation of off-campus experience and concentration on preparation for further study or a career take place. Two common courses, one in domestic and another in international problems borrow from the knowledge and experience gathered during participation in the program.

The calendar, though more economical for the institution because its facilities were used year 'round, created conflicts for various departments. The sports and science departments saw difficulties of scheduling and location of affected students during a particular season or course offering. The Beloit Plan exists along with 4-1-4 and other advances being made in liberal arts colleges today, putting their flexibility and resources to the best uses possible in educating their students.



Gary Houston



Tom Clark

WINNING ONE-ACT PLAYS EMBODY ALLEGORY, SATIRE, INDULGENCE

Winners of the original one-act play contest were announced recently by the Department of Speech, and plans are now under way for their production on March 22 and 23.

Debby Kenworthy won first place with her script entitled "Dancer, Dancer," described by Dr. Winford Logan as an allegorical morality play in dance form. The production will feature non-representational scenery, lights, masks, and prosaic dialogue to portray the role of man seen as a dancer in life, confronting major social and philosophical issues. Directors of the play will be Constance Warner and Nancy Young.

"An Eclectic Guide to Coherent Hitchhiking," a satirical sketch by Tom Clark and co-winner of the second place award, illustrates the various and sundry forms of humanity met while hitchhiking. Tom Dawson will direct the production.

Gary Houston, whose "Fairy Tales of the Wild(e)" took first place last year, wrote its sequel, "Fairy Tales of the Wild(er)," this year to tie for second. "... (e)", which was not produced last year, will be seen this year under the direction of Tom Clark. Subtitled "An Indulgence in One Act," "... (e)" deals with a polio victim who dreams of fighting lions barehanded but settles for bobcat maiming in Saskatchewan.

According to Logan, criticism will be solicited after the shows each night with authors, directors, actors and audience participating in discussion. Logan commented that the quality of script has improved considerably.

THUMBS DOWN ON THUMBS UP

There have been indications that the Friday night audience of last week's Little Theatre production of Dekker's *Shoemaker's Holiday* saw a slightly different version of the play than the audiences of Thursday and Saturday evenings.

When interviewed concerning the discrepancy, several cast members said that Mr. William C. Craig (director of the Little Theatre staff) had asked the play's director, John Soliday, to omit certain gestures from the performance as he considered them, as one cast member put it, "off-color."

The gestures included a thumbs-up jerk of the hand accompanied by the words "Firk you." ("Firk" is a character in the play.) They also included numerous swattings of the female characters' posteriors by male characters.

Several cast members said that the gestures in question did not offend them.

The Saturday night performance proceeded as originally intended in Mr. Soliday's staging.

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Chapel Committee Plans Evaluation, Invites Criticism

Beginning this week, the Chapel Committee—which is one of the few committees on campus to include students as full voting members—will begin a serious study dealing with the future of chapel-assembly at Wooster. Specifically, the work will attempt an evaluation of the format and function of the College's assembly series and a recommendation of changes the College will pursue in the future development of the series. Such evaluation and recommendation will be submitted to the Administration for presentation to the Board of Trustees.

In proceeding with its task, the Chapel Committee will make few assumptions if any about Chapel, and it will attempt to initiate as free a discussion as possible both within the committee and with the campus community at large.

The Committee will hold an open meeting next Tuesday at 4:15 in the Lean Lecture Room of Wishart Hall. At that time members of the college community are encouraged to meet with the Committee to air their views. The Committee would also encourage letters from the campus constituency presenting ideas for the future of Chapel. The deadline for such letters is Monday, March 18. They may be deposited at the main desk in the Library or sent to any member of the Committee.

Members of the Committee include: Paul Christianson, chairman, Sue Faro, Linda Diehm, Linda Watson, Nancy Lorig, Dean Fred Cropp, Dean Ralph Young, Dean Caroline Dix, Mrs. Margaret White, George Olson, Stuart Ling and James Bean.

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The Committee on Religious Dimension of the College, originally appointed in December 1966, has been enlarged to represent a wide spectrum of the college "community" including trustees, faculty, students, and alumni. The members are: Mrs. Werner J. Blanchard, chairman, Maj. Gen. Roland H. del Mar, Mr. John W. Pocock, The Rev. W. Frederic Miller, Mrs. J. H. Morris, Rev. Dr. Alexander Meakin, The Rev. John Visser, Mrs. G. T. Smith, Dr. John Warner, Dr. David Moldstad, Miss Joan Fasold, and Mr. Steve Scott. The committee is attempting to make a long range study of religious concerns, and thus the freshman church attendance rule is only one factor in question as the committee works hard gathering information and opinions in preparation for making its recommendation to the Board of Trustees this spring. The committee has made every effort to acquaint itself with the issues, from the legal and traditional framework of our "church relations" to the present curriculum and activities available to the students.

At its first meeting of the enlarged committee in November the committee set down the pre-supposition that the College of Wooster is church-related and this "church-relatedness" should involve all college activities.

The committee agreed with the statement: "the biggest thing the College can do religiously for a student is to provide him the opportunity for Christian dialogue in a non-authoritarian setting." Another area of discussion included was the present religiously-oriented programs offered to the students by Westminster Church and the Campus Christian Association, and a complete listing of these activities was made available

at a subsequent meeting. The committee made plans for a large group meeting including invited guests, representing the administration, faculty, and students, to give a wider perspective on all the issues.

At this first consultation held Dec. 10, the area of academic affairs and required religion courses was explored. Discussions centered around questions concerning the extent to which the curriculum reflects Wooster's church-relatedness, the part curriculum should take in preparing students for today's complex world, the purposes of the religion courses, the influence the religious dimension has on academic areas other than the Religion Department, the possibilities of instructing the students in corporate worship, and so on.

The committee engaged in another such consultation on Feb. 11, and dealt with the non-academic religious concerns of Wooster. The topic of discussion centered around the freshman church attendance rule and the opinion most generally expressed was that for worship to be meaningful, it needs to be voluntary. It was suggested that to implement this voluntary participation in worship, new and creative forms of worship be provided by the agencies responsible for designing such experiences available to our student body. This would include the chapel committee, Westminster Church, and other religious organizations of the community. It was pointed out that peer group pressure as well as adult example are powerful instruments in accomplishing voluntary participation in worthwhile activities.

The committee is now gathering its information together, gained from personal research and the

two consultations with a wide variety of people. In order that the readers of VOICE might be aware of the extent of the effort of this committee to explore the issues involved and solicit varied opinions, we are listing the names of those who have participated either in one of the two above mentioned meetings or have been personally contacted by some member of the committee.

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KENNAN PRESUPPOSITIONS TRIGGER IMPROPER CRITIQUE

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ter side of life.
We agree, then, with Kennan that activists are not "students" in the truest sense of the word. But we insist that the vast majority of nice, clean-cut, all-American kids are perhaps even less deserving of this appellation. They have not even achieved that little knowledge which is a dangerous thing: the consciousness of a fundamental intellectual problem—the dissonance of myth and reality which may be a cause of disillusion and rebellion when the discovery is the product of immediate experience rather than detached, objective scientific inquiry. Both the activist and the scientist question the simple verities but the reward of the scientist is in possession of the truth rather than defiance of the society.
The feature of student militancy most annoying to Kennan is "... the extraordinary degree of certainty by which it is inspired." What Kennan has overlooked is the unconscious and easy certainty of the "public interpretation of reality"—the official and accepted public myth which the radical has rejected. Alfred North Whitehead has given us an excellent explanation of this nebulous but vital consideration in the life of every society:
This ultimate cosmology is only partly

expressed, and the details of such expression issue into derivative specialized questions... which conceal a general agreement on first principles almost too obvious to need expression, and almost too general to be capable of expression... there is a general form of the forms of thought; and, like the air we breathe, such a form is so translucent, and so pervading, and so seemingly necessary, that only by extreme effort can we become aware of it.
Considered strictly on their merits as abstract doctrines, all interpretations of reality have equal claim to legitimacy (granted internal consistency). If our public interpretation of reality seems superior (and a status-quo is normally given the benefit of the doubt) to that offered by the student radicals, it is simply because our institutions and our lives are predicated upon it: we have a vested interest in it.
The weltanschauung upon which Kennan bases his arguments is a familiar and popular strain in our public interpretation of reality and we can detect unwarranted assumptions at several critical points in his address. He tells us that "... human beings sometimes have marvelous resources within themselves" but that "... it is not true that they can be released by hippie means. It is only through effort, through doing, through action — never through passive experience — that man

grows creatively." Kennan is, then, either unaware of the Oriental civilizations which have encouraged men to look within themselves for meaning, or has reserved the possibility that men can "grow creatively" to those who are driven by the crude existentialism of the achievement ethic which dominates bourgeois society. The demand that life be "useful" is a bourgeois demand which other classes and civilizations have rejected: it may be essential to material progress but then, material progress is a dubious goal in itself—especially when we consider the argument, advanced by conservatives as often as radicals, that acquisition, as an end in itself, may draw men away from higher pursuits.
Nowhere is Kennan on more treacherous footing than in the religious presuppositions of his attack on humanitarianism—the general sense that human conditions should be and can be improved—an orientation shared by liberals and radical activists alike. Kennan

grounds many of his arguments in vague references to "a natural order of things" and "the innermost nature of man's estate"—a type of argument thoroughly discredited except in Scholastic circles. Further, Kennan's conception of reality is stated as if it were proven fact:
... the decisive seat of evil in this world is not in social and political institutions, and not even, as a rule, in the ill will or iniquities of statesmen, but simply in the weakness and imperfection of the human soul itself
With such an understanding of the human condition, Kennan may be excused his own inertia and skepticism. But that he should expect that men who do not share his views should desist from their activism and join him in "looking ... to heaven for the satisfaction of their aspirations" is persuasive evidence of his own inability or unwillingness to comprehend the intellectual basis of the radical challenge.
We are not suggesting that Kennan is necessarily wrong in his pre-

suppositions (or that conversely, the radicals are correct in theirs) but we do insist that such presuppositions have no place whatever in reasoned argument in the social and cultural sciences. But then, Kennan is not a "scientist" or even a "student." So far from "disciplined and restrained study, years of the scholars detachment," he came to academia after many years of service in the State Department: a life which in its practice and in retrospect is hardly the basis for critical thinking about America and its aims on the international scene. Kennan's vested interest in the America he helped create and his complicity in the shape of the world today are such as to hopelessly compromise him in any dialogue with the radicals who are so very disillusioned with the shape of the world and have explicitly dedicated themselves to its improvement. For the radical, the end justifies the means and if "things are not that simple," more extreme methods may be called for.

Mr. Koopman will conclude his remarks on the Kennan article in next week's VOICE. In this installment, Kennan's contention that the critic obligates himself to provide an alternative principle for political order, will be examined.

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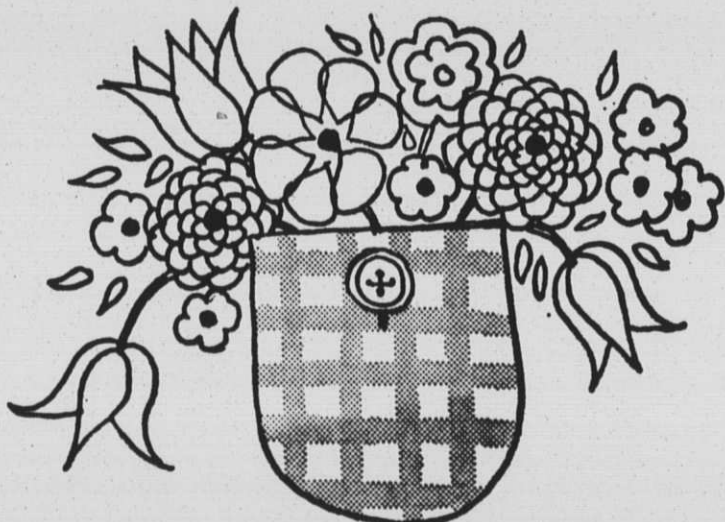
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Letters To The Editor

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reply: "But all men are brothers—except Dolts (sic) who are sisters, and occasionally mothers!" My remark, I regret, clearly demonstrates my prejudices against stupid. (Not that I am afraid that they will pounce upon me and strike me down—they know that is what I want most.)

Why, oh why did I at that moment betray myself and choose to resurrect a dying issue? From my earliest days of kamikazi journalism I can remember being told, "Never mash wet birds or poisoned rats." The first remark applies to Russell Badger, the latter to the Finley-Fifth Feud. I have never been able to comply with the aphorism. The "poisoned rat" issues on campus, our rodent, creeping, squeaking complaints on such mousy traditions as run-out, hell week, Color Day, are to us most dreadful pests. And our extermination ends there. We, secure from our mosquitos, spiders, and wet birds, ignore the bear in the pantry, the dinosaur in the garden. These more pressing issues are those which SAC confronts, despite the rest of the flea-flicking campus. They are the more ugly beasts, such as poverty, war, The

War, segregation, and on the more pertinent side, faculty-student relations, community-college problems, the precise value of athletics, in short the abolition, (the extermination, for those who aren't listening) of P.E. No. 1, Apathy. We wait for our pheonixes to die, and forget that they don't stay buried. So it was a dumbbell thing for me to attack so insignificant a party as the Deltas. A limerick would have been enough. Suffice it to say then, that I pick on the most helpless party in order to glut my insatiable ego. At least, I think it suffices. The trouble is, it's rather complex. But the proof is in the eating, the finger's in the pie.

At any rate, the incident is over and would well commit itself to the flames. But the after-taste lingers in the fumes. The 5th Section is not really so unrepresentative of the student body, as we comfort and satisfy ourselves by thinking. They're just less artificial, less, as I hinted before, complex. A lot of them are stupid, but they make no bones about it. So far as that goes, I say, more power to them. Some bells are dumber than others. To say "hats off" to the stupid 5th, though, is a relative doffing at best,

a condescending token of patronism at worst. It goes deeper.

Liberal Education consists of more than simply acknowledging credit where it's due, although this is precisely Wooster's function at present. The fellow who claims to be liberal because he reads asinine letters in VOICE is worse than the stodgiest conservative. It is, as Mr. Asbury pointed out, a snobbish and typically Presbyterian attitude, to label tin cans when you can't see inside them, and the cans are all but willing to divulge even in whispers their contents.

It's true. Although prophets like Messrs. Swartzback and Cooper—and even aspiring martyrs, like myself—have scraped the ivy from the campus walls, Galpin, Kauke, and the dorms have not shaken once. It is a tribute to the College as a whole that its apathy has not altered throughout the stripping and desuperficializing of its open-sored and antiquated body. Somewhere some idiot like me will yell out, "Down with Puberty!" but it doesn't matter. Nor do the anguished and oddly prophetic goodbyes of our pariahs, from all stages, student, faculty, administration. Why? Because the Magnificent Wooster Mentality demands that the slogans be hailed before

Panel Views War

A panel discussion was held Sunday night on the topic of "The War and the Mood of America 1968." Father Herbert Rogers, professor of theology at Fordham University, was the main speaker. The panel members also included Greg Moore, Dick Vodra and Dr. Peyton.

Father Rogers told the audience that the mood of America is one of unresolved moral conflict and a sense of guilt concerning the war in Vietnam. He said that we must evaluate our stance in Southeast Asia to see if our involvement there really will stop communism and what the price of stopping it will be. Father Rogers was fearful that unless we de-escalate we will be forced to escalate and may be led into war with China. He also stated that the Christian conscience cannot owe its highest allegiance to nationalism or anti-communism. America assumes that once our enemy is labeled a communist any means may be used to destroy them without any thought to the consequences. Father Rogers questioned the value of fighting communists across the world if by doing so we destroy democracy at home.

the cause, and as a result, the quixotic adventure in education is helplessly bogged down.
Mike Finley

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JV's Finish Winning Season

Based on the performance of this year's JV squad, prospects for future basketball at Wooster look especially bright.

Coached by Bob Nye, the young cagers boasted well-rounded scoring and an ability to collect rebounds that even outdid their talented varsity counterparts.

The squad, described by varsity coach Al Van Wie as "the best JV team we've had here in seven years," finished a tough 19-game schedule with an impressive 16-3 overall record.

Three men hit consistently in double figures. Leading scorer was guard Eriv Walz, who popped in 281 points for a 14.8 game average. In close succession behind Walz were forward Alan Tubbs, with 248 (13.1) and guard Tony Liming with 242 (13.4).

On the backboards, the team collected an average of 48-1 re-

bounds a game—a shade better than the varsity's 46.4 average which ranked them third in the Ohio Conference. Top man on the boards was Tubbs, who brought down 202 rebounds for a 10.6 average. Center Tim Baab and forward Andy Raevouri brought down 139 (7.3) and 137 (7.6), respectively, to give Tubbs plenty of support.

Defensively the JV's were even tougher, allowing their opponents an average of only 59.4 a game, while collecting 72.2 points for themselves.

Coach Nye singled out three victories of the season as the most outstanding — Akron University (61-56), Otterbein (63-56), and Kent State Frosh (80-67).

Wooster's only losses of the year were to Mt. Union (55-58), Cuyahoga Community College, West (94-103), and Capital University (69-80).

SWIMMERS FOILED, FINISH 8TH IN OAC

by Linda Cansler

In spite of all the records set and all the new talent discovered, this season has held many disappointments for the Wooster swimmers. At the OAC Tournament last weekend the Scots came painfully close to their goal—a higher ranking one than last year's squad achieved—but again success eluded them. The Scots finished eighth (24 points) in the Tournament held at Denison.

Freshman standout Bob Viall was the only Scot to make it to the finals. Although his time in the 200-yard breast stroke qualifying round was good enough for third place (2:25.5), in the finals his time fell to 2:27.9, for sixth place.

The 400-yard medley relay team of Finefrock, Viall, Bruce and Dunlop placed seventh with a time of 4:06.2. The real disappointment for the Scots was the disqualification of the freestyle relay team (Finefrock, Bruce, Harris and Dunlop) for a missed turn; the points from this event would have lifted the Scots to sixth place.

The Lords of Kenyon were victorious in the tournament, for the 15th straight year. Ironically, the last non-Kenyon team to win the OAC swimming tournament was the 1953 Wooster team, when the meets were held in Severance Pool. Kenyon's point total of 414 was nearly 100 more than second-place Denison's total (317½). Rounding out the finishing order were Oberlin (248½), Wittenberg (235), Ohio Wesleyan (203), Muskingum (34), Hiram (28), Wooster (24), and Baldwin-Wallace (24).

Grapplers Sixth In OAC Tourney

With a 31-point total, the Scot wrestlers finished sixth in the OAC Tournament held at Hiram last weekend. Standouts for the team were Don Black and Steve Lynch, who scored seconds, and captain Jeff Nye, who took a third in the consolation match.

In the 167-pound class, Black made it as far as the finals, then was beaten by Steve Hilbert of Denison, 6-3.

Lynch, in the 160-lb. class, was stopped by Harry Mucklo of Hiram by a score of 8-2.

Nye's victory came when he beat Bill Doty of Muskingum, 3-2, in the 177-lb. consolation round.

The Tournament was won by the Big Red of Denison, and was their first victory in the wrestling finals. The Wooster score was the school's second-highest finish in OAC competition.



Mike Beitzel hopes that luck will be a lady as he concentrates on the direction which the ball will take as two Lords look on in anticipation.

Scots Drubbed By Lords As Rinka Stars With 42

by Josh Stroup

Doing his best to match the dazzling shooting of Kenyon-All-American candidate John Rinka, Wooster's Tom Dinger turned in an impressive 34-point performance in last Saturday's Wooster-Kenyon Tournament clash in Berea.

But the efforts of the freshman guard from Mansfield were not enough to keep the unbalanced Scots from dropping a 98-81 decision and their place in the Ohio Conference Northern Division Tournament.

The Scots ended a surprising season with a 14-8 overall record, and an 8-4 Ohio Conference mark, good for fifth place in the rankings.

Dinger was at his best from the outside, hitting the majority of his 13 field goals from his favorite top and side of key positions. But loose man-to-man Kenyon defense kept the little guard from driving for the lay-up and was able to hold the Scots big men underneath as well. Beitzel, Thompson and Beeching combined for a meager 28-point total; Beitzel accounted for nearly half with 13.

Kenyon's Rinka was a one-man, 42-point show. Recently chosen to try out for the U.S. Olympic basketball squad and boasting an All-American nomination as well, the cocky 5-9 guard was tough in close as well as from 30 feet out.

Falling away, driving in, or shooting over his defenders, Rinka

put away 17 of 30 field goal attempts from all around the floor, and made all eight shots from the free throw line to boost his tournament foul shooting mark to a perfect 15 for 15.

Scot captain Mike Beitzel, and later Dave Hopkins, got little support from their teammates in stopping the elusive shooter. Once past his initial defender, Rinka had little trouble darting in for a half-dozen spin-shot lay-ups.

Wooster found itself playing catch-up ball almost from the opening tip-off, down by 9 (12-3) with the game just four minutes old. By half-time the Scots were down 46-30 and a win stayed out of reach through the second half.

With but seven minutes remaining, the Scots were down 82-59 and both coaches began to gradually clear their benches. In all, 22 players from both teams took the floor that night.

Once again, the Scots' foul shooting was poor. The team hit only 13-26 (50 percent) from the line, putting its season free throw percentage at 66 percent. Kenyon, on the other hand, hit 20-23 (87 percent) and remained the best foul-shooting team in the Conference with a season average of nearly 80 percent.

Wooster's usual rebounding strength was outdone 59-47 mostly by the Lords' front court men, Dick Fox and Terry Parmelee. Besides pulling down 13 rebounds, Parmelee helped out the scoring column with 17 points. Fox had 15 rebounds, eight points.

Rich Thompson and Beitzel had only eight rebounds apiece.

Thinclads Shatter Two-Mile Record

by Paul Meyer

Action was limited for the Scot indoor track team last week, but the small group of Scots that participated in the Knights of Columbus Meet in Cleveland Friday night produced one school record and took two places.

The two-mile relay team of Hugh Ruffing, Wayne Hostetler, Ron Maltarich and Gary Davis finished third with a time of 3:10.5, a new school mark.

Ruffing also ran on the mile relay team that placed fourth with a time of 3:33.3. Other runners in his group were Artie Wilson, Brian Blackwell and Wally Callaway.

Wilson ran the 50-yard dash in :05.6 and placed second in his heat, but did not make the finals.

This weekend the Scots are in Granville for the Ohio Athletic Conference Meet at Denison. All 13 conference schools except Heidelberg are entered in the two-day affair. Heading into the competition, Wilson leads the Scots in scoring with 22¾ points.

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Rinka	17	30	8	8	3	42
Shook	1	5	0	1	1	2
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Beitzel	3	8	1	3	8	13
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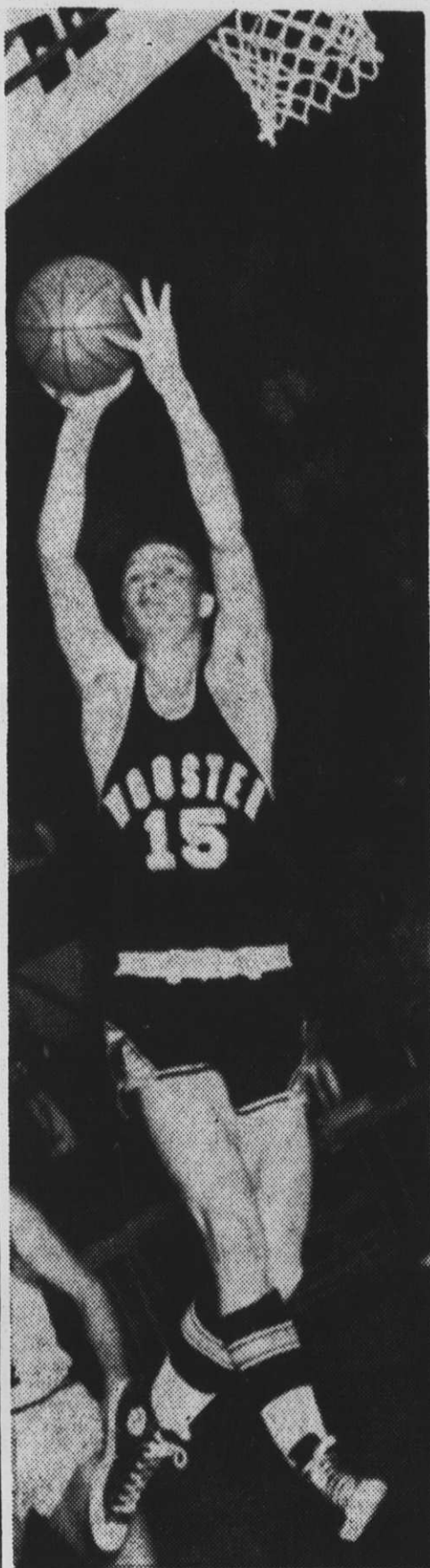
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